

## NEWS **RELEASE**

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ISSUES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Cowichan Valley, BC** – The Board of Education for the Cowichan Valley School District is excited to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the new Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project.

The RFP is being issued today to three proponents, all of whom were successful in the Board's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process late last year. The three proponents who are being invited into the RFP process are:

Yellowridge Design Build Ltd.; Kinetic Construction Ltd.; and Urban One Builders

"The Board of Education is excited to be issuing our Request for Proposals for our new Cowichan Secondary School to these three well-qualified companies," said Candace Spilsbury, Chair of the Board of Education for the Cowichan Valley School District. "It has been hard work to get to this stage in the process, and we thank our whole team for their excellent work. We are looking forward to seeing the visionary designs that our three proponents will bring to us for consideration."

The issuing of the RFP is a significant milestone in the project. Using the information contained in the RFP, the three companies are now able to begin the process to create designs for the new Cowichan Secondary School.

The Cowichan Secondary School Replacement Project was announced December 2019, and much work has occurred since that time. The new school will be built for 1,100 students and is scheduled to be completed Spring 2024 at a cost of \$82.1M.

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